

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

In re Patent Application of

King Biu Mak et al.

Application No.: 10/695,818

Filing Date:

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Title: LOCK FOR A FASTENER

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: LLOYD A GALL

Confirmation No.: 7175

## **AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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End	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\Bigsigmu\$\$ \$65.00 (2814) \$\Bigsigmu\$\$ \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
	Also enclosed is/are
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
	Applicant(s) previously submitted
	on, for which continued examination is requested.
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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X	No additional claim fee is required.
П	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	23	MINUS 23 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)			\$ 0.00		
Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$ 0.00		
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$ 0.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			\$ 0.00		

ш	A check in ti	ne amount of	_ is enclosed for the fee due.
	Charge	to Deposit Acc	ount No. 02-4800.
	Charge	to credit card.	Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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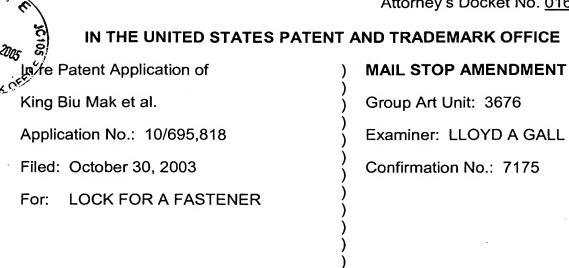
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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner identified six species. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The six species identified by the Examiner are:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Figures</u>
1	6, 7A and 7B,
2	8A, 8B, 9A and 9B,
3	10, 11A and 11B,
4	12A-12D,
5	13A-13D,
6	14A-14C.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Species 1 illustrated in Figures 6, 7A and 7B. Claims 1-7, 11-20, 22 and 23 read on the elected species. Each of the elected claims is submitted to be generic to more than one of the identified species.

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An early examination and favorable action on the elected claims are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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